

WEAKEST LINK

**YOU ARE THE
WEAKEST LINK,
GOODBYE!**



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INSTALLATION

Minimum system requirements

"The Weakest Link" requires the following system requirements to perform properly.

- English Language version of Microsoft® Windows® 95/98/ME/2000 operating system
- 100% Windows® 95/98/ME/2000– compatible computer system
- DirectX® 8.0a or higher (included)
- Pentium® 200 or Athlon® processor
- 32MB RAM
- 130MB of uncompressed hard disk space plus an additional 80MB for Windows® swap file
- 8MB D3D/DirectX 8.0 compatible 3D capable video card and drivers (If 3D card is a secondary card, at least a 2MB Primary Card is required)
- 100% DirectX 8.0 compatible true 16-bit sound card and drivers
- Quad Speed (600 K/sec sustained transfer rate) CD-ROM
- 100% Microsoft-compatible mouse and drivers
- 100% Microsoft-compatible keyboard and drivers

Important Note:

This product uses Microsoft DirectX 8.0 technology, which requires your system to have the latest Windows® 95/98/ME/2000 drivers (for CD-ROM, video card, sound card and input devices) that fully support DirectX 8.0

How to install

Please close all open programs before installing this game.

Insert the game CD into your CD-ROM drive. Choose one of the following options to install the game:

1. If your CD-ROM drive has Auto Play enabled, the launch screen will appear automatically. Click Install and follow the on-screen installation instructions.





2. If Auto Play is not enabled, double click on the My Computer icon on your desktop. Double click on the CD-ROM Drive Icon. Double click on the Setup icon. When the launch screen appears, click Install and follow the on-screen installation instructions.

Uninstalling

The Weakest Link can be uninstalled by selecting START, PROGRAMS, ACTIVISION, WEAKEST LINK, and then UNINSTALL.

Starting the game!

Once installed, you can start "The Weakest Link" by selecting START, PROGRAMS, ACTIVISION, WEAKEST LINK, and then WEAKEST LINK. Alternatively, you can re-insert the CD and the title screen will appear. Launch "The Weakest Link" and you will be taken to the MAIN MENU.

You can also double-click on the logo on the desktop.

GAME CONTROLS

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Start..... | ENTER |
| Pause Game..... | ESC |
| Skip Movies..... | SPACE |
| Bank | B |
| Pass..... | P |
| Select/Accept | SPACE |
| Voting | 1-6 |





MAIN MENU

Once "The Weakest Link" is installed you will have a number of choices. Using the CURSOR keys (up\down) to highlight option you wish to choose and press the SPACE key to select it. Each choice will have its own sub-menu.



SINGLE PLAYER

Play "The Weakest Link" against 6 other computer controlled players for a total prize of £20,000.



There are 24 different characters to choose from. Highlight any of them using the CURSOR keys (up\down\left\right) and listen as they describe themselves. Once you have made your choice you can press the SPACE key to select them as your playing character.

Pressing the ESC key at anytime will return you to the MAIN MENU.



MULTI-PLAYER

Pit your wits against your friends for a total prize of £20,000.

Up to 7 people can play in this mode. Choose your characters by highlighting your choice then press the SPACE key. You will then be asked if you would like this character to be controlled by the computer or by a human player, use the cursor keys (up, down) and the SPACE key to make this choice. You can have up to a maximum of 7 human and/or computer players.



Press ESC to cancel your choice.

Once you have chosen the number of players who wish to play, press the ENTER key to begin playing.

If you feel you might like a shorter game then choose the number of players you wish to play against and the game will start you at the appropriate round.

For example choosing 5 players will start you at round 3.

You must have a minimum of 2 players to play "The Weakest Link", but after that it's up to you!

If you have chosen a player you no longer wish to use, highlight them using the CURSOR keys and press SPACE. On the next menu highlight and select the "Remove" option. You can now choose another player to take their place.



CHAMPIONSHIP

This is your chance to break the bank, as you play through 4 shows in your bid to win a million! Each level of the show has higher and higher prize money until you are finally playing for one million pounds.

Choose your playing character by using the **CURSOR** keys (up/down/left right) to highlight your choice and pressing **SPACE** to select. This will be your character as you play through the Championship.

The Championship is a knockout competition, with the emphasis on you getting progressively better throughout the game. To progress to the next level of the competition, you must win the show.



SAVE YOUR PROGRESS

(IN CHAMPIONSHIP ONLY)

At the end of each show you will be given a password that will allow you to restart the same game at a later date.

The password will be represented on screen as a character, (not necessarily the character you are playing as!) followed by a series of arrows. Please be sure to make a correct note of them in the back of this manual.

To continue with progress in Championship:

1. Load the game as normal.
2. Select the Championship mode from the MAIN MENU, and then press the SHIFT key to enter your password.
3. Highlight the character given in your password, then sequentially press the cursor keys as given in the remainder of your password.

The screen will change to show your saved progress and the announcer will introduce the next show.



BEND THE RULES

If you don't like some of the questions, or feel that you want to take more control of the game then this is your chance. We have given you the options to change the way the game plays but using them is up to you.

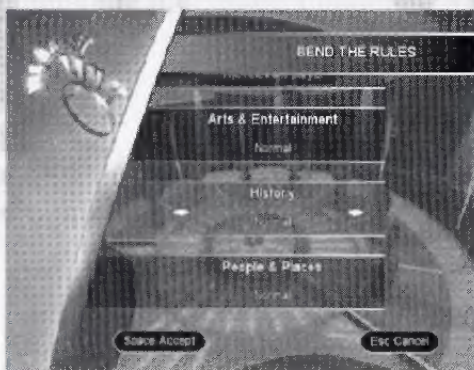
The different options for you to bend are as follows:

Who Banks:

This option allows you to change who can bank the money.

In the show only the contestant who is answering the question can choose to bank. By changing this option YOU the player have the power to bank whenever you like. This means you can choose to bank even when it is not your turn. The default for this option is THE RELEVANT PLAYER.

Highlight the option you wish to change by using the CURSOR keys (up/down). Once you have selected your option, use the CURSOR keys (left/right) to change the settings.



Pressing SPACE will confirm all your changes and return you to the MAIN MENU.

The ESC button will discard any changes and return you to the MAIN MENU.



Arts & Entertainment, History & Politics, People & Places, Science & Nature, Sport & Leisure:

These determine the number of questions that will appear for each subject. You can choose to have more or less of a specific subject. The default for this option is NORMAL.

Computer Answers:

This determines whether the possible answers are present when a computer player is answering a question. (Default is "Not Shown.")

Voting Abuse:

This determines the amount of abuse characters receive after the voting. Opting for MORE guarantees that each human-controlled character gets an especially abusive film clip when they are voted off. (Default is "Normal.")

Volume

This option allows you to adjust the level of volume in the game. (Default is "Full.")



DIFFICULTY

Prior to each game, you may choose the level of difficulty. While choosing this, you will hear the rules being described by the presenter.

Highlight the difficulty level you would like by using the CURSOR keys (up/down), and press the SPACE button to accept. The options are:

Normal. This is a simulation of the TV show, with comparable questions, presented in a multiple-choice format that doesn't give anything away. In most cases, only the first letter of the answer will be given, so just like the show, you either know the answer or you don't.

Easy. This mode is slightly easier, since all questions are presented as multiple-choice, with answers fully displayed.

Junior. This difficulty level is for the youngest players. The questions are easier, and the player must choose the correct answer from two possible answers instead of four.

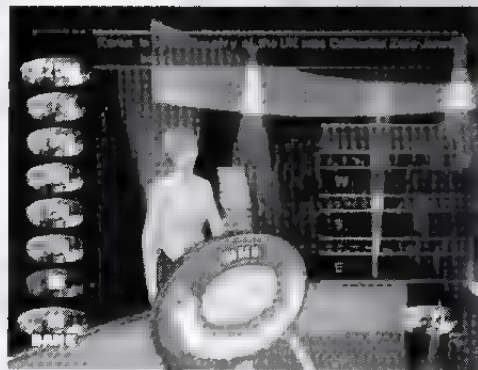


PLAYING THE GAME

"The Weakest Link" plays exactly as the television show. Each contestant answers a question in turn, in the hope of raising the pot of money. The total amount of money banked by the team in each round goes towards the final prize money. At the end of each round the team must vote for the player they would most like to leave, eventually leaving two players to go head-to-head for the prize money.

Answering Questions

When it is your turn to answer a question you will see a number of possible answers on screen. Sometimes you will get full answers to choose from, other times you may just see the first letter of each possible answer – in this case you must choose the appropriate one that you think is the answer.



To select your answer use the CURSOR keys (up/down) to highlight your choice and press SPACE to select it.

Once you have selected your answer there is no going back so choose well! The answer you select will reveal itself on screen and Anne will tell you if you are correct or wrong.

If you are correct, then the money accumulator will increase. Get it wrong and all money not banked is lost.



Banking

As in the show you have the option to **BANK** before you answer your question. Banking is the only way to save any of the money. To bank, press **B** and any money currently accumulated will be banked. You can only bank when the bank icon is flashing - this will happen for a brief time at the beginning of a question. You will then be able to answer your question. Once a player banks, the money accumulator returns to zero.

Passing

To pass, press **P** at any time during your question. Be warned if you choose to pass then any money not banked will be lost.

Voting

At the end of each round you will be asked to vote for the player who you may feel is the **Weakest Link**. This may be because they answered too many questions incorrectly, took too long to answer their questions, or because you just dislike them!

When it is your turn to vote, press the number that corresponds to the player you would most like to vote off. Your vote will then be cast.

Once all votes have been cast, the person with the most votes is dubbed "**THE WEAKEST LINK**" and has to leave the show!



CHARACTER PROFILES

Welcome to the Weakest Link characters! Here is a quick breakdown of who they are, where they're from and what their specialist subjects are.

ANGELA, a local Government Officer living in Norwich

Age: 43

Specialist Subjects: Science, Nature, History, and Politics

Angela is quite a dull and particular lady, whose interests in walking and nature don't tend to lead to an exciting life.

ARTHUR, a retired Bank Manager living in Hove

Age: 66

Specialist Subjects: Science, Nature, People, and Places

A mature man, Arthur is not unusual in any particular way.

AUSTIN, a Civil Servant living in Walsall

Age: 41

Specialist Subjects: History, Politics, Sport, and Leisure

Quiet Austin has served for fifteen years as a Civil Servant in Birmingham. What an exciting life!

LORRAINE, a PE Teacher living in Glasgow

Age: 40

Specialist Subjects: Sport, Leisure, Art, and Entertainment

Scottish Lorraine loves sport and likes to participate and watch as often as she can.

EDDIE, a long-distance Haulier living in Warrington

Age: 42

Specialist Subjects: People, Places, Sport, and Leisure

Eddie has picked up a wide range of general knowledge in his travels, and in discussions with colleagues. He is loud and brash.

JENNY, a Receptionist living in Guildford

Age: 31

Specialist Subjects: People, Places, Art, and Entertainment

Jenny is somewhat timid and seems intimidated by the whole business, particularly when confronted by Anne. In distress, she tends to get rather shrill.



TONY, a Recruitment Consultant from Chichester

Age: 39

Specialist Subjects: Sport, Leisure, History, and Politics

Tony is quite a confident individual and has decided that the best way to handle the whole situation is to employ a little sarcasm and humour of his own.

SAMANTHA, a Retail Manager from Taunton

Age: 20

Specialist Subjects: Sport, Leisure, History, and Politics

Samantha has rather an aggressive nature and is playing the game to win at all costs.

GARY, a Graduate living in Bristol

Age: 21

Specialist Subjects: Sport, Leisure, Art, and Entertainment

Cool and cultured, Gary is an arts graduate and hopes to live fast and die young.

JEZ, studying for his GCSEs and living in Longfield.

Age: 16

Specialist Subjects: Sport, Leisure, Art, and Entertainment

Young and trendy, Jez isn't the brightest light on the tree, but he knows this and doesn't seem to mind.

KAREN, a Secretary living in Romford, Essex.

Age: 25

Specialist Subjects: Art, Entertainment, People, and Places

With her head firmly in the clouds, Karen doesn't need much more in her life than a good manicure and an episode of her favourite soap opera.

KATE, a Medical Student at Edinburgh University

Age: 22

Specialist Subjects: Science, Nature, History, and Politics

With her above average intelligence, Kate cannot help but appear arrogant when expressing her knowledge.



LUCINDA, a Caterer living in Kensington, London

Age: 39

Specialist Subjects: Art, Entertainment, People, and Places

Lucinda is essentially a 'lady who lunches'; although she also 'dabbles' in catering, running a small firm that does society dinner parties. She is good at what she does, without necessarily having a razor-sharp intellect.

JULES, studying Fashion Design in London

Age: 21

Specialist Subjects: Art, Entertainment, People, and Places

Fearlessly stylish, Jules is studying at St. Martin's, the hippest college in town.

MAEVE, a Barmaid living in Cork

Age: 28

Specialist Subjects: Art, Entertainment, Sport, and Leisure

Feisty Irish Maeve has come a long way to prove that not all barmaids are stupid!

BARRY, a Cabbie living in Catford, London

Age: 38

Specialist Subjects: People, Places, Sport, and Leisure

Cockney Barrow Boy Barry is looking forward to showing how clever cabbies really are.

STEVE, a Police Constable based in Northampton

Age: 37

Specialist Subjects: Science, Nature, People, and Places


Steve is very formal and correct at all times, tending to choose his words carefully, without committing himself if he can avoid it.

RAVI, a trainee Accountant living in Leicester

Age: 24

Specialist Subjects: Sport, Leisure, Art, and Entertainment

Young and bright, Ravi hopes to do well.



ROSE, a housewife and grandmother living in Luton

Age: 59

Specialist Subjects: Science, Nature, Art, and Entertainment

A retired lab assistant, Rose leads a quiet life tending to her garden and looking after her grandchildren.

SARAH, a Journalist living in Harrogate

Age: 47

Specialist Subjects: People, Places, Art, and Entertainment

Well-travelled and well-read, Sarah has a keen eye for people and the stories they hold.

NICHOLAS, a Commodities Trader from Chalfont St Giles

Age: 45

Specialist Subjects: People, Places, History, and Politics

Pompous and arrogant, Nicholas is never wrong. He loves to keep abreast of current affairs and is always seen with the Financial Times under his arm.

SAPPHIRE, an Interior Designer from Oxford

Age: 38

Specialist Subjects: Sport, Leisure, People, and Places

Sexy and seductive, Sapphire's sultry voice is enough to melt the heart of any man. She is quite flirtatious and almost everything she says can be construed as a double entendre.

TIM, a Programmer from Beaconsfield

Age: 29

Specialist Subjects: Science, Nature, History, and Politics

Tim is a nerdy, boring computer programmer with an interest in trains and bird watching.

WILLIAM, an Air Traffic Controller living in Redhill

Age: 35

Specialist Subjects: Science, Nature, Art, and Entertainment

William is a quiet, gentle man, knows how to stay calm under pressure, but will Anne affect him?

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